



# N.O.W. News

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# Season's Greetings

## Numismatists of Wisconsin

The objective of Numismatists of Wisconsin is to encourage and promote interest in numismatics, to cultivate friendly relations between Wisconsin coin collectors and Wisconsin coin clubs, and to encourage and assist new numismatic hobbyists. All resources of the organization shall be used to further these objectives.

Dues are \$5 per year and entitles participants to NOW News, this quarterly publication. Among the services offered are coin authentication, a Speaker's Bureau, show calendar coordination and guidelines to assist coin clubs hosting the annual NOW Convention.



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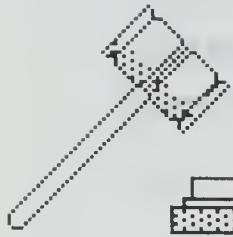
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News for the next issue should be sent to the Editor before February 1st



## President's Message

by Lee Hartz

Well, we're into the fall season of coin shows. Central States kicked it off early in September. Milwaukee Numismatic Society had its annual fall show in mid-September and several others were also held around the state.

The Baraboo Area Coin Club had its show at Wisconsin Dells on October 17th. They invited NOW to hold our Board meeting there and provided a very nice conference room for us to meet in. Thank you so much, John Acton, Show Chairman. The show was a good one. There were dealers from as far away as the Chicago area. I even found a dealer from my home town of Dubuque, Iowa offering lots of Dubuque items. Needless to say, I succumbed and bought quite a few items.

At the Board meeting, Cliff Mishler brought us up-to-date on the 40th annual NOW show to be held in Iola on May 20th. Looks like it's shaping up to be a really fun event. Cliff mentioned that the building the show will be held in is now under construction and will be completed in plenty of time.

At the meeting we reviewed the nominations for NOW officers and found there was only one nomination for each

officer/Board position, so to eliminate the expense of printing ballots and the hassle of including them with the NOW News, a motion for a unanimous vote for all candidates was made, seconded and approved. Next year's officers will be:

President:	Bill Brandimore
Vice President	Rollie Finner
Board Members	Tom Casper Kevin Doyle Myles Fenske Thad Streeter

According to the Constitution and ByLaws, they will assume their positions at the Spring Convention in Iola. Congratulations to all.

Past President, Fred Borgmann, was at the meeting, seemingly pretty well recovered. Gene Johnson also reported on the state of our archives (and hunting on the show floor for tokens).

We still don't have a location nailed down for our 2001 show. If your organization is interested in hosting NOW, please send an invitation to Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Calkins. His address is listed elsewhere in this issue.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year... and don't let that Y2K bug bite.

Numismatically yours,

Lee Hartz, President





## Secretary's Musings

by Ron Calkins

**Congratulations, Cliff Mishler**  
Cliff took over the reins as President of Krause Publications after Chet Krause retired several years ago. Cliff has announced he will be retiring later this month. The NOW board appreciates all the support he has given our organization over the past years.

### It's That Time of Year Again

Dues notices are included with this issue. Because of bulk mailing weight regulations, everyone receives a notice (even Life Members). Check your label, and if your dues need to be renewed, please send your \$5 to ensure receiving the next issue.

**Membership Cards** -- We don't automatically send everyone new cards each year, so if you need a new one, let us know and we'll send you another.

**Club & Show Information Sheets** are on page 23 and 24. Please be sure your club sends this information to us.

The 40th anniversary of the founding of Numismatists of Wisconsin will be celebrated with a special event

hosted in Iola, where the organization was founded on July 10, 1960.

This will be a relaxing weekend for the hobby community. Collectors and dealers alike are invited to Iola to have a good time and an opportunity to do some buying and selling of coins, paper money, tokens and medals.

Activities planned for the weekend include incorporation of Krause Publication's "Whatzit Day," a production akin to the "Antiques Roadshow." This annual event draws hundreds of area residents bearing puzzling attic and dresser drawer finds and keepsakes for which they are seeking attributions and valuations... and disposition as well in many instances, including a range of numismatic and related collectible materials. The NOW show is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th.

Other activities will include educational programs, a Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic, and an opportunity to socialize with friends in the evening. Open house tours of Krause Publications will be offered on Saturday as well. Put May 20th on your calendar... it will be a great weekend!



# NOW Archives Report

by Gene Johnson

The NOW Archives Committee has been busy with the 2000 reorganization of the club's records and holdings.

This report deals only with the paper archives at this point, although a few other items have been delivered to Wisconsin Rapids.

Archivist, Dick Anderson and I felt the massive sorting could better be handled over a period of several weeks to organize the many loose-ends that made up the archives. On April 15th the bulk of the paper items were transported from Neshkoro to Wisconsin Rapids for the task of updating. This included the infusion of the Gordon Gill NOW holdings, which were interspersed and enveloped. Dozens of convention gaps were filled, including the precious records of our first annual convention in 1961.

Four permafile boxes were obtained for the permanent storage of the archives, which were donated to NOW by Dick and I. Within these boxes, the enveloping began in 1982 and has been expanded to cover each year of our organization's existence.

While a copy of all NOW News issues have been preserved in bound format here in Rapids, the identical set of these bound issues donated to NOW is missing (Vol. 22 to 24) which encompasses the years 1984-1986. A diligent search should be made for this bound treasure.

In addition, the archive set is missing copies of the following NOW News:

1965	Vol. # 3	Nos. 3 & 4
1966	Vol. # 4	No. 1
1967	Vol. # 5	Nos. 3 & 4
1972	Vol. #10	No. 1
1976	Vol. #14	Nos. 3 & 4
1977	Vol. #15	Nos. 1 & 4
1978	Vol. #16	Nos. 2, 3 & 4
1979	Vol. #17	Nos. 1 & 4

The updating was completed in Wisconsin Rapids and the archives were clearly marked as NOW property and returned to Neshkoro, where Dick has an interior room set aside for storage.

The organization's medals remain to be re-inventoried and recorded. Since the last audit, over 18 years ago, many medals have been sold and given away. The remaining work on the medals archives will be done at a later time.

## You Can Help Preserve History

If you have any of the missing issues of NOW News, show bills or literature from past NOW conventions, please contact Gene Johnson or the NOW Secretary.

# Peter Phillips

Life Member #80

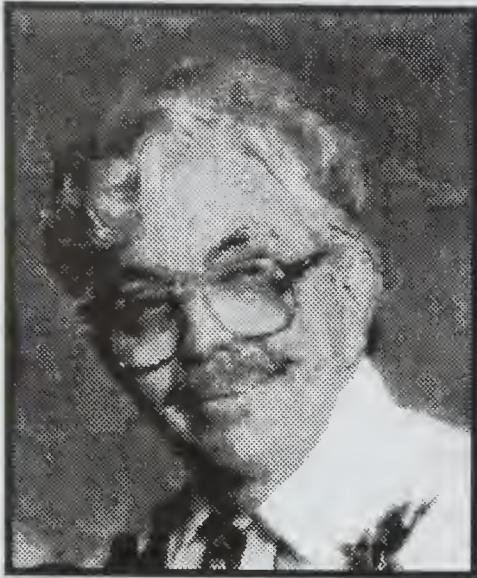
Peter W. Phillips, age 60, died on November 13, 1999.

Peter's interest in coins began at the early age of 12 when the President of his local bank gave him a few coins to start his collection. Peter developed a great knowledge and love of numismatics and became a veteran collector and a prolific writer, with a special interest in Canadian coins. An exhibitor at local, state and national levels, Pete received many awards and earlier this year, he was recipient of the ANA Presidential Award.

Approximately 26 years ago, Pete developed health problems which led to an early retirement from the City of Madison Streets Department in 1986. He continued to participate in numismatic events and attended Krause Publication's "Day in The Country" in August and the Baraboo Coin Show last October.

Peter was a member of the Madison Coin Club and held Life memberships in ANA, NOW and Central States. He also served on the Central States Board. A NOW member since 1967, he served as Editor of NOW News from 1990 to 1994 and retired from the NOW Board in 1998.

Coins weren't the only thing Pete had an interest in -- he also enjoyed auto racing,



Indian history and traveling. Pete is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann, 2 children and 2 grandchildren and will be missed by many.

# Neva Helm

NOW Member  
#1166



NOW members were saddened by the October 17th death of Neva Helm, of Oshkosh, who passed away following heart surgery. We were pleased to see her last August at Krause Publications' "Day in the Country."

Neva joined NOW in 1986. She was a constant companion in her husband, Harold's, long service to NOW and following her husband's death in 1994, she kept in contact with her many numismatic friends.

It was hard for Neva to let go of the treasures that Harold had gathered, and she was still disposing of the last of his many collections this summer. Just recently she donated Harold's NOW medals and paper artifacts to our club archives.

Neva's warm and friendly smile will be missed by her many friends and family.





## Rare Silver Dollar Sells for \$4.14 Million

Associated Press article submitted by Leon Saryan

A rare 165-year old silver dollar known as the Mona Lisa to coin collectors has fetched a record-breaking \$4.14 million at auction.

The coin, minted as a gift for the Sultan of Muscat, sold for more than double the previous \$1.8 million world record auction price for a rare coin, said Raymond N. Merena, president of the New York auction company.

The coin went to an American buyer identified only as a Southwestern business executive. "To coin collectors, this is like the Mona Lisa or the Holy Grail," said Q. David Bowers, chairman of Auctions by Bowers and Merena.

The coin was one of the eight silver dollars minted in 1834. However, the coin is dated 1804 because silver dollars were not being minted at the time and an old coin mold had to be used.

Carried on a secret mission to the Far East by an emissary for President Andrew Jackson, the rare coin was a present for the Sultan of Muscat (now Oman) after a new trade treaty was ratified. (continued on page 6)



## State Quarter Holders issued by ANA

These colorful holders are available to clubs thru the ANA Representative's Program at \$2 each plus shipping.

## U.S. Mint News

### 50 State Quarter Program

In their Annual Report, the U.S. Mint indicated a hectic routine was intensified by rising circulating coinage demand, reorganizing into strategic business units and preparing to mint 50 state quarters. The Mint was determined that the longest-running series of coinage changes in American history and the first new dollar coin in a generation would have designs Americans embraced.

Working with the Treasury Department and state governors, they hammered out a procedure for states to choose quarter designs their citizens wanted and their staff worked with each state to assure designs were both suitable for the nation's coinage and coinable. They created an opportunity for citizens of every state to participate in the design of American coinage.

### Mint to Issue New Dollar Coin

A process involving even greater public participation was selection of designs for the new dollar. By law,

the coin was to be the same size as the Susan B. Anthony dollar, golden in color, with a distinctive edge. Treasury Secretary Rubin appointed a citizens panel to advise him on design themes for a new coin. The panel arranged 2 days of televised public hearings that gave Americans an opportunity to express



their preferences in person and by FAX. When the advisory committee recommended a design honoring Sacagawea, the Native American girl who accompanied Lewis and Clark, they opened the design competition nationwide. They sponsored exhibitions of design semi-finalists and asked historians, collectors, artists and the general public to comment on obverse and reverse designs they favored. They held focus groups and consulted Native American organizations to assure authenticity and acceptance of potential finalist designs.

Designs were posted on the Mint's website. The first day they were up, their web site received 11 million hits from the public. After 2 weeks, they had received 120,000 e-mails from citizens expressing preferences, and those comments had a profound effect on subsequent decisions.

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### Rare Silver Dollar continued...

The Sultan of Muscat coin is virtually in the same condition as the day it was minted... it's never been mishandled or dropped and it's never been cleaned or polished. For that to happen over a period of 150 years is truly amazing. The coin is part of a collection of nearly 1,000 rare coins that was auctioned off by the family of the late Walter Childs of Brattleboro, Vt. Childs, one of the first licensees of the fledgling Bell Telephone Company, bought the silver dollar in 1945 for \$5,000.



## **Year 2000 Souvenir Cards**

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing announced the Year 2000 souvenir card subscription service for mint souvenir cards. This year's series will feature a total of 12 souvenir cards.

The 1999 souvenir card theme "Celebrating the Turn of the Century" represents documentary and proprietary revenue stamps used on documents and product containers to prove that taxes had been paid. The cards will reflect engravings of events or individuals that had a significant effect on the U.S. during the 1900s. Post Office canceled cards will not be offered.

Anyone interested in participating in the Year 2000 subscription service should contact the Bureau of Engraving & Printing (800)456-3408.

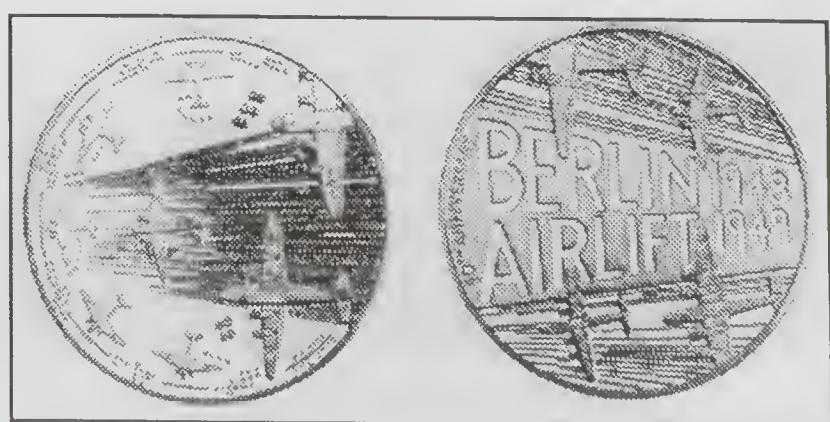
## **Philatelic Medallic Cover Commemorates Berlin Airlift**

The British Royal Mint and the Royal Mail have combined in producing a magnificent Philatelic Medallic Cover to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. A total of only 30,000 PMC's have been authorized for worldwide distribution.

The Berlin Airlift is generally regarded as one of the most extraordinary episodes in recent military history. The U.S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union occupied Germany at the end of World War II. Each country controlled a zone. Berlin, which was surrounded by the Russian Zone, was divided into similar sectors.

Cooperation broke down in 1947 and early 1948 and the three Western powers decided to create a separate West German government in their zones. In an effort to dissuade them the Soviets gradually escalated harassment of Western traffic going in and out of the city, culminating in the Berlin blockade, imposed June 24, 1948.

Led by the U.S. Air Force, the allies quickly mounted an aerial supply line. Within days supplies were being flown in, not just for the military bases, but for Berliners too. At the height of operations during the "Easter Parade" of April 15-16, 1949, 1,398 flights delivered 12,940 tons of cargo in a single 24-hour period. Everything was flown in from food to coal. In total, from June 16,



1948 to May 12, 1949 when the Soviets lifted the blockade, allied forces flew 277,264 missions around the clock in all weathers, delivering more than 2.3 million tons of supplies to 2 million Berlin residents. Altogether, 586,901 flying hours were logged.

The 1999 Berlin Airlift Medal is designed by John Mills, designer of the award-winning D-Day Commemorative 50 pence coin. The obverse symbolizes the continuous flights into Berlin, while the reverse depicts planes being unloaded and prepared for the return flight. Struck in nickel-brass, the medal's dimensions are 38.45mm diameter; weight 28.28 grams.

The cachet depicts a group of Berlin children waving as an aeroplane flies in overhead. The Royal Mail stamps consist of a block of four orange 1st class definitives and a Berlin Airlift Commemorative Label.

The price of the 1999 Berlin Airlift Philatelic Medallion Cover is \$19.50. For orders and inquiries contact the British Royal Mint (800-221-1215).



**Gold Proof  
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Tribute**

The 1999 Four-Coin Gold Proof Sovereign Collection will hold special

interest for sporting enthusiasts around the world. Struck by the British Royal Mint, the set includes the Double-Sovereign which bears a design different from the other coins in the 3-coin and 4-coin gold Proof Sets. The unique reverse commemorates this year's Rugby World Cup, presently being hosted by the Welsh Rugby Union. It's quite rare for one of the companion sovereign coins not to bear the traditional reverse design, by Benedetto Pistrucci, of St. George slaying the Dragon.

The first gold sovereign issued in 1489 proved a huge success. The value and weight of the sovereign changed during the next century and for a time, the coin disappeared from circulation. The end of the Napoleonic Wars eventually brought about the opportunity for a complete recoinage in Britain and with it the decision to reintroduce the gold sovereign.

The importance of the sovereign as a bullion coin continued until the adoption of one ounce of gold as an international standard of trade. The coin's weight of .2354 ounces of fine gold was inconvenient and production was discontinued in the early 1980s. Even today, however, the sovereign is still traded in many parts of the world and its reputation and popularity remain so high that frosted Proof coins are issued each year and are much sought after by collectors.

Inquiries should be addressed to the British Royal Mint 800-221-1215.

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## Book Nook

**New Book on Gold by Timothy Green**  
Gold expert Timothy Green, has written a book for the Gold Institute on the last thousand years in the evolution of the precious metal. *“The Millennium in Gold 1000-1999; The Essential Guide to Prices, Production and Key Events”* has just been published and is available from the Institute. Following are Green’s insights into the ever-changing face of gold and how gold itself has altered history.

### The Story of Gold

Tracking gold thru the millennium -- prices, production, coinage, flows, key events-- seems a daunting task. By the time of the first gold boom around 1300, when gold deposits were found in Hungary that yielded up to 100,000 ounces a year, Venice was the city-state where gold was traded on the Rialto. Venice had a daily gold fixing, an official Assay Office, and its own mint making gold ducats that became universally accepted as the British sovereign 600 years later.

Indeed, the evolution of gold over the last 1000 years is almost the story of the millennium itself. It embraces the establishment of nation-states whose

rulers sought to control the minting of gold coins as the symbol of their power, the growth of trading centers like Venice, Amsterdam and London, and the rise of virtuoso goldsmiths such as Benvenuto Cellini, who were nourished by the Renaissance.

There were explorers opening up new frontiers, as the Portuguese did in the 15th century in search of gold from the “gold coast” of Africa and a new route to India, or Columbus leading the way to the gold and silver of the Americas in 1492. Later gold discoveries from Australia and Brazil to California, Siberia, South Africa and the Yukon led to economic growth and the expansion of international trade.

The Crusades of the 12th and 13th centuries, bringing pilgrims and traders in their wake, stimulated the interchange of gold, which Europe then lacked, and silver, which the East always sought. The conquest of the Americas after Columbus brought a new dimension of gold and silver supply to expand world trade. Almost 5 million ounces of gold were imported into Spain in the 16th century, flowing on to be minted in England, the Netherlands or the city states of Genoa, Florence and Venice and then often dispatched to India to pay for silks and spices. The academic detective who analyzed these flows of precious metals from the New World to Spain was a young American historian, Earl J. Hamilton, who took his family to Seville in the late 1920s and spent 6 years pouring over ancient records in the city.

The famous names who helped to shape the millennium in gold vary from Sultan Mansa Mas of Mali, who took so much gold with him for expenses on a pilgrimage to Mecca in 1324 that the gold price in the region nose-dived, to Georgius Agricola whose *De Re Metallica* in 1556 stood as the ultimate textbook on mining and metallurgy for several centuries. Moses Mocatta, founder of the present London dealers Scotia Mocatta, first sent gold to India in 1676, and his heirs soon became brokers in gold to the young Bank of England after 1700.

Sir Isaac Newton, as Master of the Mint, really set Britain on the gold standard in 1717. He slightly overvalued gold against silver, so that only gold was sent to the mint for coinage, while silver was shipped to India and China where it, in turn, was more highly valued. Only 4 men precipitated the great gold rushes of the 19th century and they opened a new era for gold that took output from 1.4 million ounces a year to 15 million ounces in just 50 years.

Political debate has always surrounded gold. Henry VIII of England caused a furor in 1544 by debasing the gold coinage to try to shore up his finances. The 1810/Bullion Committee of the House of Commons chastised the Bank of England for printing too much paper money when payment of notes on demand in gold was suspended during the Napoleonic Wars. After 1870, the silver lobby in the U.S. fought a tremendous battle to persuade the government to retain the bimetallic

standards of silver and gold, when most of Europe had moved to the single gold standard. The fight culminated in the U.S. presidential election of 1896 in which bimetallism was the key issue. William Jennings Bryan, Democratic candidate of Nebraska, campaigned for the issue. After he lost, the U.S. soon joined the gold standard.

The 3 champion gold areas of the millennium are, undoubtedly, Venice, London and India. Venice was the early hub of gold in the Mediterranean world until eclipsed by London in the 17th century. London's supremacy as the physical crossroads and clearing house for over 300 years has been greatly aided by the Bank of England (which is why the current gold sales from U.K. reserves are to be lamented). India, of course, is unique for its sheer stamina as a consumer of gold for centuries. Green tracked at least 280 million ounces since 1800 and much went to India before then. It is fitting that India rounded off the millennium by notching up almost 23 million ounces last year; the merchants of Venice, whose ducats were already there by 1300, would be very pleased.

The *Millennium in Gold 1000-1999* by Tim Green, is available from the Gold Institute for \$45. Phone 202-835-0185; Telefax (202)835-0155 or E-Mail: [goldnews@goldinstitute.org](mailto:goldnews@goldinstitute.org).



## Award-winning Token Title Adds Civil War Cardboard to New Edition

Hundreds of new token listings, more and sharper photos, and updated prices are featured in the newly-published 3rd edition of the "Standard Catalog of United States Tokens, 1700-1900". Author Russell Rulau's exploration of US tokens from Colonial days to the dawn of the 20th century now includes a new section covering cardboard chits of the Civil War... making this joint publishing venture between Krause Publications and the Civil War Token Society the most comprehensive book ever published on the subject.

This reference is really 8 books in one, containing a wealth of knowledge in each of the separate sections devoted to early American tokens, Hard times tokens, U.S. merchant tokens, U.S. trade tokens, Civil War store cards, patriotic Civil War tokens, tokens of the Gay Nineties and Civil War cardboard scrip.

Since publication of the 1997 edition, token prices have moved upward across the board. Over the past 5 years Western territorial trade tokens have leaped in value from dozens to thousands of dollars. This catalog reflects Year 2000 price reality, which may be bargain prices in a few years.

Most of the tokens listed are evaluated at 4 grades of condition for easy determination. The 1,040 page soft-cover book may be ordered from Krause Publications for \$49.95. (800-258-0929).

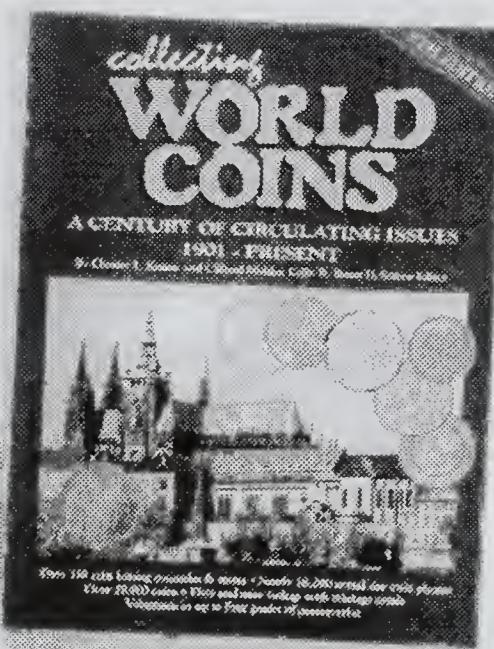
## Collecting World Coins Details 20th Century Circulating Coinage

From the publisher of *Coins* magazine and *World Coin News* comes the 8th edition of *Collecting World Coins*, an identification and price guide covering a century of circulating coinage issued by over 330 countries and states.

This book is ideal for introducing world coins to the beginner or casual collector, and world coin hobbyists will enjoy the overview of circulating coinage from around the globe. The book is a comprehensive, compact guide that documents the modern history of the world -- the changes in governments, monetary reforms, inflationary periods, and wars, as recorded by international coinage issued since the turn of the century.

From Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, the Krause staff has reviewed and updated the book's information on over 20,000 coins. Pricing in all grade levels has been thoroughly evaluated and adjusted to reflect the most current market values.

The book is in an easy-to-use format, presenting detailed listings including dates and mints of issue, along with mintage figures where available, and valuations in up to four grades of preservation.



Collectors will find identification of coins aided by nearly 16,000 actual-size coin photos. Charts on monograms and numeral systems plus a foreign exchange table provides additional numismatic tools.

The soft-cover book sells for \$28.95 from Krause Publications. Call 800-258-0929.

### **U.S. Currency Reference Standard Catalog of U.S. Paper Money**

Paper money collectors will find the descriptions and current valuations they need at their fingertips in this new 18th edition of the *“Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money.”*

All of the varied types and varieties of authorized currency issues over the past 187 years are presented in a manner that meets the needs of all collectors. The book encompasses everything from the first Treasury Notes, which financed the War of 1812, to the several paper coinage substitutes of the Civil War era and most of the recent notes in current production.

Valuations for over 5,500 currency items in 3 grades of condition are included. 600 photos allow positive identification.

A new section for Web Press Notes by block was added to the small size \$1 Federal Reserve Note section. Included in the reference is a paper-money grading guide, a 15-page guide to authentication and a comprehensive checklist of national bank notes with rarity designations.

Prepared with ease of use in mind, the categories are listed by denomination of issue rather than obligation. This soft covered edition can be purchased from Krause Publications for \$24.95 plus shipping and handling. Call 800-258-0929, Dept. PR99 or visit their internet site [www.krause.com](http://www.krause.com).

## **South Shore Coin Club**

**36th Annual Coin Show**

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## Santa Claus Banknotes

by Phyllis & Ron Calkins

Santa notes are cherished by collectors of obsolete currency. They hold an intriguing bit of America's history, which is also brought to light in Tom Casper's article on broken banknotes on page 18.

In the years before the Civil War, American banks issued their own currency. Banknotes were printed with a wide array of designs -- famous people, scenes of local and national history, landscapes, animals and allegorical figures. Bankers selected graphics that inspired confidence in their customers at a time when counterfeiting, bank failures and other problems existed in the financial world. Santa was a happy character, accepted by the people.

By featuring Santa on banknotes, Christmas gifts could be bought with a Santa bill -- or the bill could be the gift. The fit of whimsy that infected bankers from Maine to Wisconsin produced some of the most charming banknotes in history.

The St. Nicholas Bank of New York issued bills ranging from \$1 to \$50. They liked the idea of featuring their namesake on money, and from 1852 to the early 1860s, scenes with St. Nick appeared on their bills.

Perhaps the most famous of the St. Nicholas Bank's Santa bills was the \$1 note showing him filling children's stockings. The bill featured not only Santa Claus, but also a portrait of Peter Stuyvesant and a rendering of the St.

Nicholas Hotel in New York City, depicting the famous, multi-storied hotel on a street filled with carriages. The most delightful of the St. Nicholas Bank's Santa bills was their \$20 note. Bearing Stuyvesant's portrait, ubiquitous on the bank's Santa bills, the note showed Santa leaving gifts inside a house where several children slept. It was an image that not only conveyed the evolving Victorian Santa that has endured into our own era; it captured the 19th century attitude about home and family. (see the \$5 Milwaukee note shown on page 16).

In the 1850s, the White Mountain Bank of Lancaster, NH circulated one of the most rare and unusual Santa vignettes on their \$2 bill. Produced by the New England Bank Note Company of Boston, the beautifully engraved Santa note was printed in bold red and black ink.

The scene of Santa and his sleigh on the rooftop was a popular Christmas image. In addition to the White Mountain Bank, other institutions issued notes with the rooftop engraving -- the Conway Bank, Conway, Massachusetts, on \$20 bills; the Central Bank of Troy, New York, on \$3 bills; the Bank of Sing Sing, Ossining, NY, on \$2 bills and the St. Nicholas Bank's \$2 and \$10 bills. Hundred dollar bills with this image circulated from the Spicket Falls Bank of Methuen, Massachusetts, whose directors obviously had a high regard for Santa Claus.

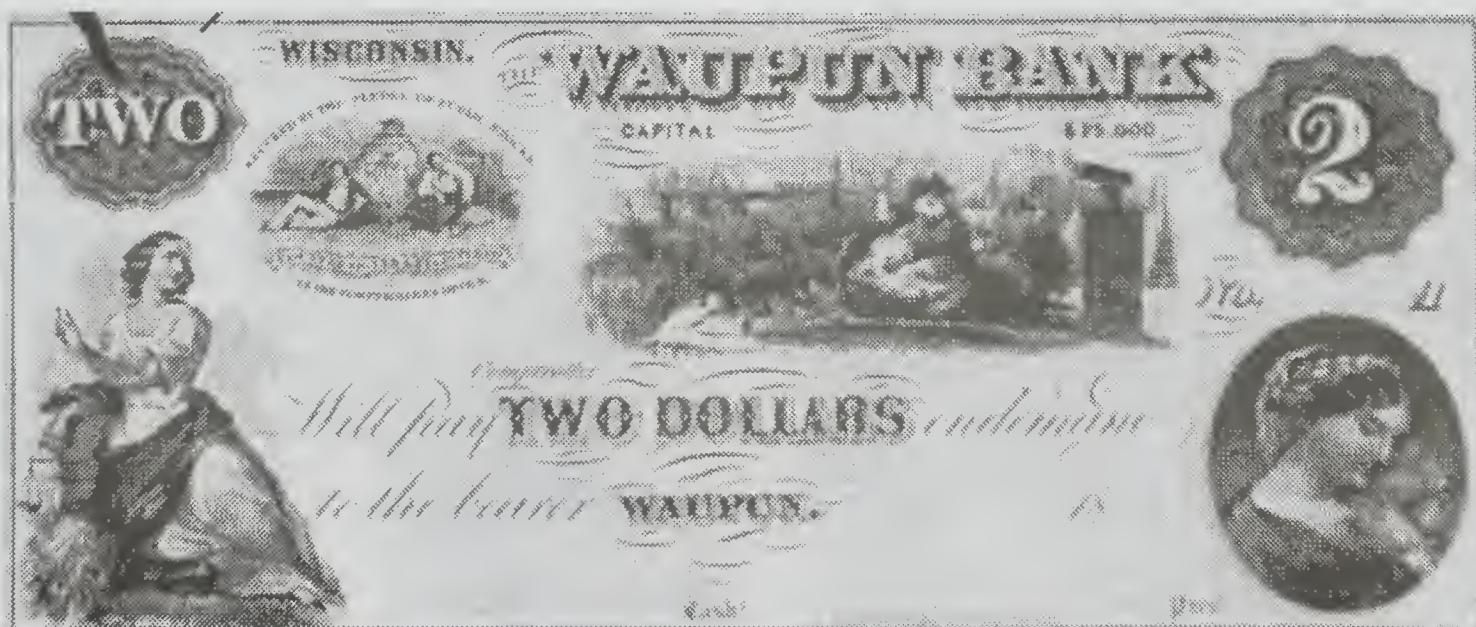
The more conservative Howard Banking Company of Boston gave Santa equal billing with the company's founder, John Howard, on a \$5 bill.

By the 1850's, Santa Claus money bearing the names of the New England Bank Note Company and Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, and Edison of New York could be found in wallets, purses, store tills, and bank drawers throughout the Northeast. The Yankee banks of New England circulated a variety of Santa bills reflecting both the Christmas spirit and distinctly regional vignettes. The Marine Bank's \$2 bills, for example, featured the familiar Santa on the rooftop scene as well as cows gathered in a field near a picturesque farmhouse like the ones Santa visited throughout Maine before the Civil War.

A bank in Manchester, VT did not use the Santa images on their \$1 note, but chose an engraving of the Nativity instead.

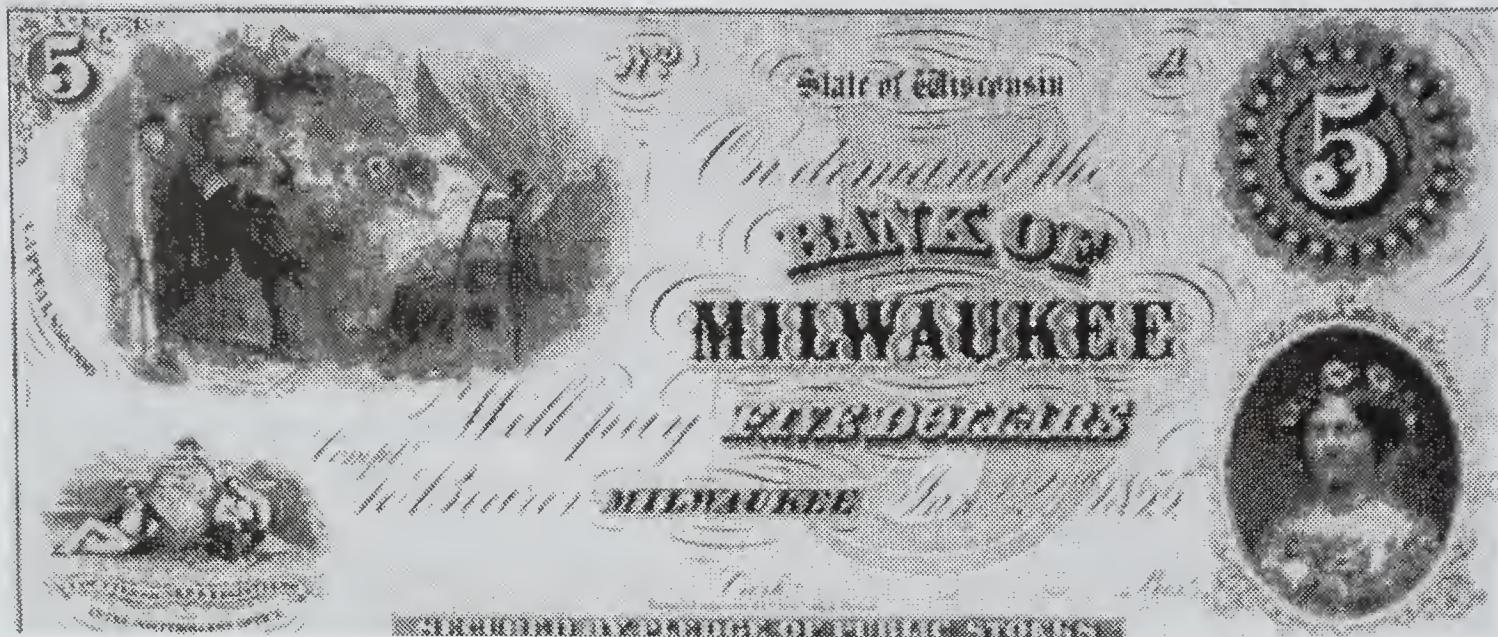
The River Raisin & Lake Erie Railroad Company issued \$1 notes picturing an angel, perhaps in an attempt to balance the religious and the fanciful.

### Wisconsin Bankers also joined the Christmas Money Craze



Shown above is a \$2 broken banknote from the Waupun Bank displaying Santa atop a snowy roof. His 8 reindeer are crouched for the leap that will launch them high above the surrounding steeples and rooftops. The \$2 note was issued in 1856 and is very rare.

The Waupun Bank was organized in 1856, with a capital of \$25,000. Notes were issued in \$1, \$2 and \$3 denominations. The Bank was liquidated in 1862 during the Civil War crisis and banknotes were redeemed at 80¢ on the dollar.



Bank of Milwaukee \$5 note became the National Exchange Bank of Milwaukee in 1965.

The vignette of Santa Claus making his visit as the children sleep is as timely today as when the note was originally issued in 1855 by the Second Bank of Milwaukee. The Bank of Milwaukee was established in 1855 and voluntarily relinquished business as a state bank in 1965 when it became the National Exchange Bank of Milwaukee.

The 1850s were the last good years for Santa notes. As the Civil War loomed, the push for a national currency printed and regulated by federal government, escalated. In December of 1861, after the first somber Christmas of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln approved the National Bank Act and ushered in the era of federal greenbacks. The festive Santa Claus notes faded into memory of Christmases past.

In 1983, the Society of paper money Collectors issued a limited edition souvenir card decorated with the White Mountain Bank's famous \$2 Santa bill. The American Banknote Company printed the cards from the original Santa plates, with the traditional red and black color, produced 10,000 souvenir cards.



If you're interested in purchasing a Santa Claus bill as an intriguing bit of history or as the ultimate stocking stuffer, contact a reputable coin dealer and be patient.

These notes are quite scarce, and if you're lucky enough to locate one... they're quite expensive.

## Numismatics in Art

by Tom Casper #982

Coin collectors tend to view things in terms of numismatics. This happened to me when my wife and I visited the Milwaukee Art Museum on December 31, 1997 as part of a Firststar Eve celebration.

While touring the museum, I spotted an item with my numismatic eye. It was a painting from 1877 by German artist Christian Ludwig Bokelmann (1844-1894). It was titled "The Broken Bank." It was a gift from Frederick Layton in 1888. Bokelmann was known for his scenes of social unrest. This piece was exhibited at the 1889 Universal Exposition in Paris.

The painting, oil on canvas, depicts an impending bank failure, a common occurrence in Germany following a world wide economic crisis in 1873. It shows a crowd of people from different classes lined up outside the Volks-Bank unable to get in. Their faces show mild concern to panic.

In the United States, we also were plagued with broken banks in the 1850s and 1860s. At the time, banks were issuing their own money. Some printed more than they could redeem and consequently went broke. The notes from these banks, highly sought after, are called obsolete or "broken bank notes."



The Broken Bank 1877

by Christian Ludwig Bokelmann

From the Permanent Collection Exhibition

## Martha's Vineyard Transit Fare Token

by Leon A. Saryan #1704

The island of Martha's Vineyard, located off the coast of Massachusetts, was in the news twice this past summer.

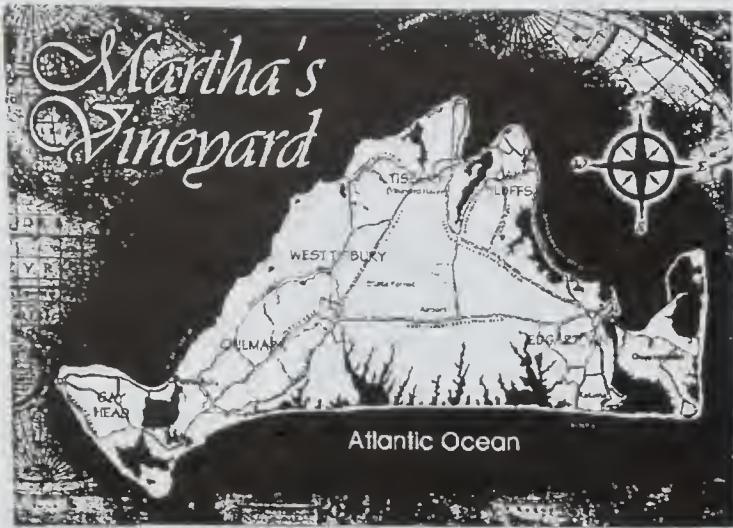
In mid July, a private airplane carrying John F. Kennedy, Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, was tragically lost while approaching the island for a landing. In late August, President Bill Clinton and First Lady, Hillary, took advantage of a brief vacation on the island to raise (hopefully not much) money for Hillary's planned campaign for the U.S. Senate.

Our visit to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard took place in early August, so we missed the action both times. Although we have visited the Cape dozens of times, we had never been to Martha's Vineyard before and found the 1-day excursion very enjoyable.

The history of Martha's Vineyard dates to colonial times. Edgartown was settled as Great Harbour in 1642 by Thomas Mayhew and others. The residents of Tisbury demanded religious freedom long before the rest of the colonies were agitating for independence. But certainly the most famous chapter in the history of Martha's Vineyard took place in 1969, when a car carrying Mary Jo Kopechne plunged into the water at Chappaquiddick. As a consequence of this tragic and untimely accident, Senator Ted Kennedy's presidential ambitions mercifully sank to the bottom of the ocean.

We boarded a morning ferry at Hyannis for a relaxing cruise across the ocean to the island. Just short of 2 hours later, we disembarked at Oak Bluffs on the northeastern tip of the Martha's Vineyard.

The same boat returned us to Cape Cod just after sundown. On the island we bought all day bus passes which entitled us to visit Edgartown, Vineyard Haven (Tisbury), the



airport and other places. It is also possible to rent a car or bring your own, or rent a moped, but be prepared for massive traffic jams.

As you can surmise from the names I have "dropped" above, Martha's Vineyard is a playground for the rich and famous. It is also covered with stores, boutiques, ceramic shops, glass factories, etc., as is Cape Cod -- a real mecca for antique collectors and craft hobbyists!

Edgartown is one of the largest settlements on the island, and is just a stone's throw away from Chappaquiddick. There are loads of shops, exclusive overnight accommodations, some very pricey restaurants and more. We had lunch at the wonderful Edgartown Deli (hot pastrami on rye) on Main Street, and dinner at the equally fine Navigator Restaurant (crab cakes) a few blocks away.

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One exciting find on Martha's Vineyard was a large and attractive 35mm (1.375 inch) diameter brass transit token which depicts a map of the island. I obtained it at the Church Street transit stop in Edgartown, where I was told that it was needed specifically for shuttle travel across the Katama Plains (an endangered prairie ecosystem) to South Beach. This beach, which faces open ocean, could not be reached using the all-day paper pass that I had in my pocket.



The obverse of the token shows a map of the island and is inscribed "Martha's Vineyard/Martha's Vineyard Island/Transit Authority."

The reverse is inscribed "One-Way/Fare with scroll work above and below the lettering.

The piece is unusually large and attractive for a transit token. Although everything is more expensive on Martha's Vineyard, this token cost only \$1.50, an inexpensive souvenir of a pleasant and relaxing vacation.



# Slaves, Slavers and Slavery Exonumia

by Gene Johnson NOW #41

This continuation of “Slaves, Slavers & Slavery Exonumia” further exposes the many facets of slavery from the Civil War era to the present.

## Part 2

The Western expansion by tens of thousands of men of all races highlighted another form of slavery -- the so-called “White Slavery” of the roaring Western camps, where men outnumbered women 100 to 1 in most cases.

Prostitution, like slavery, dates back to day one in written history, and is frequently recorded in both secular and religious writings. The commonly used 19th century term “white slavery” of course, included a substantial sisterhood of black, Hispanic and Asian business girls who plied their trade in the 1870-1930 era.

White slavery (bawdy house) tokens are far more common than slave tokens, in part, because they were most often used 100 years later and in part because of the nature in the man/woman relationship (popularity).

These interesting tokens appear to have been used primarily in the old west and to a lesser degree in the nation’s heartland — the Midwest.

Perhaps the most famous of all the white slavery tokens, is the 1903 World’s Fair token some attribute to the St. Louis prostitute “Diamond Tooth Lil,” a highly successful and well known turn-of-the-century Madame.



35mm aluminum Evelyn Hildegard, also known as “Diamond Tooth Lil,” advertised heavily at the 1903-4 World’s Fair, even song plugging “Meet Me in St Louis.”

The obverse of this well-designed and struck piece features the huge ferris wheel which had come into prominence 12 years earlier at the 1892-1893 Colombian Exposition. This 35mm aluminum token is exceedingly rare (only 3 believed known).

Also illustrated here is the bawdy shell case token of pretty “Miss Olga” which was pictured in the classic 1966 publication, “Brass Chips and Red Lights” written by Jo and Fred Mazzula. Very rare in its own right, collectors should be aware that reproductions of this piece are known to exist (4 originals known).



22mm brass shellaard. Just 2 blocks down the street from the “famous” House of Mirrors in Denver’s red lite district.

White slavery tokens are very popular and collectible, being sought by both state and topical collectors. My modest bawdy house collection includes 2 different pieces from France, 6 different from the U.S. and a single rare Canadian shell card.

In the 1980 era, a profusion of phony bawdy house tokens were coined. I first saw them in Colorado, some with cute and catchy legends, they are mostly large uniface brass pieces, which are easy to detect as fantasy tokens.

Chronologically, moving beyond the American old West, the greatest single slave master in the 20th century was Adolph Hitler, whose use of forced labor in his war plants is still late-breaking news. Litigation seeking compensation for his heinous enslavement which cost the lives of thousands of men and women, is still being sought from German industrialists today.

Political prisoners, captured soldiers, and tens of thousands of conscripted foreign civilians were used in huge underground German factories and coal mines between the years 1940 and 1945. Poorly fed and treated, and often worked 16 hours a day, these slave laborers were an expendable work force.



36mm silver. One of the many nicely struck Hitler medals.

Medals and tokens depicting Hitler are numerous, but heavily collected and sought after. The silver medal shown, although not rare, runs in the \$100 price range. The pinback pictured is not listed in the book "Medallic Portraits of Adolph Hitler" by R.W. Colbert and W.D. Hyder, which lists over 200 Hitler tokens and medals. A scarce and interesting artifact, only 2 others have been seen..



30mm. Black and tan ink on tin pin. Rev. union label - Chicago P&B.

Even the wartime slave labor of Hitler is rivaled in the historic scope of the political slavery within the United States during the undeclared wars of 1950-1953 (Korea) and 1962-1973 (Viet Nam).

Sadly, responsibilities for both the Korean and Viet Nam wars fall at the feet of one of our most venerated 20th century Presidents, Harry S. Truman, father of the famed Marshall Plan of European reconstruction.



33mm silver (cast) high relief. medallic Art Co. Presidential Art Medals, Inc. Distributors.

In 1950, President Truman became the first president in our nation's history to commit involuntarily conscripted U.S. troops to an undeclared foreign war. While previous wars of 1917 and 1941 were electorally sanctioned, and the more recent Panama, Saudi Arabia and Desert Storm actions fought by professional and semi professional United States soldiers, the undeclared Korean and Viet Nam wars were not

electorally sanctioned and were fought with men conscripted in peacetime.

Unlike other "world" wars of our nation, the poor and uneducated bore the heaviest burdens of battle, while affluent parents hid their children from the draft in colleges and educational institutions.

If you think peacetime conscription was not a form of slavery, perhaps you should read the "Uniform Code of Military Justice" which denies civil rights, yet has been upheld by the nation's courts. Legal pressures brought about by violent Viet Nam war protests have since relieved some of the more blatant misuse of this federal power.

Military tokens of the 3-year Korean war are relatively few in number when compared to the many slot machine oriented tokens used during the 12-year Viet Nam conflict.



21mm German silver - not brass plated as in the Bows story - No. 2 reverse with full tail and high hump.

The Korean unit souvenir illustrated is one of several remembering the 17th infantry, which was the only American unit to reach the Yalu River border with China during the undeclared Korean war. This and two similar 17th infantry tokens are described in the April 1971 issue of the Token and Medal Journal.

The other Korean war token shown is a nice Post Exchange trade check from Osan, a South Korean city that I passed through during service in 1951, although I did not pick

up the token at that time. Neither of these tokens is considered scarce.



29mm aluminum well struck with high relief lettering. One of a dozen Korean tokens in my collection.

The moral and political upheaval of the undeclared Viet Nam War makes it very painful and difficult for Americans to remember Viet Nam.

A little publicized fact is that in 1946, following the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, President Truman broke the Potsdam accord brokered by Roosevelt, and permitted the French to "recolonize" Viet Nam, betraying that accord's solemn promise of Viet Nam independence. The bitter harvest of this tragic error was to come to our nation in 1962 and will haunt the U.S. forever.



24mm nickel - Bow's 430-C-25 (United Service Organization) Saigon - South Viet Nam.

Viet Nam military tokens were catalogued by collector/author Ray Bows, and newly-discovered varieties continue to surface to this day -- 25 years after the conflict. Bow's book, "U.S. and Allied Military tokens of Viet Nam -- 1962-1973" is an excellent checklist

Both of my illustrated tokens from Viet Nam are common slot machine pieces used in Saigon, South Viet Nam, and are very collectible and reasonable in price.



21 mm brass - Saigon  
Commercial Officers  
Mess Org.

While the use of tokens and medals is a shallow format for addressing a horror as devastating as slavery, the reminder is appropriate. While it is currently politically correct to flagellate ourselves over past American

slavery, Wisconsinites can be prideful that our state was a powerful link in the underground railway, and ultimately sent many sons, brothers and husbands to the Civil War, the noble cause of ending that evil practice.

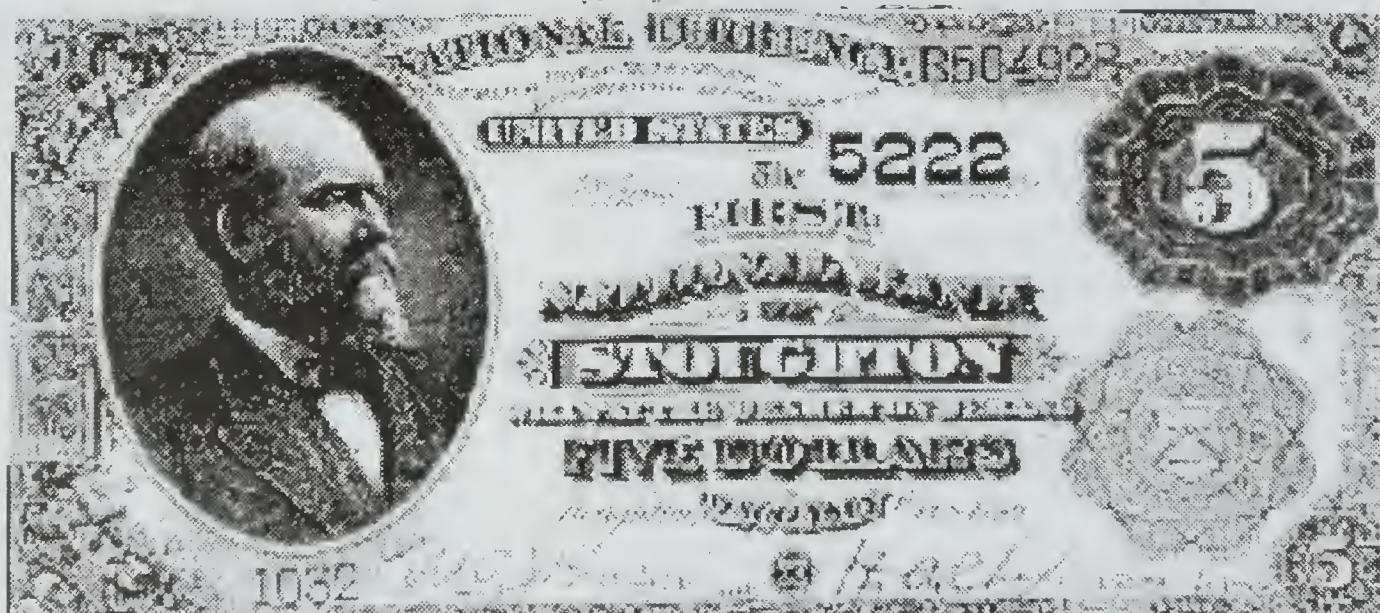
The world-wide roots of human slavery continue to exist today, humanism, greed, ethnic hatred and the lust for political power, so it's not surprising then that human bondage is still monitored in 1999 by "The Anti Slavery Society" which is an international organization.

The society reports that slavery as practiced in 1850 still flourishes in Western Africa, the far East and South America. Wherever a wide disparity of wealth between the rich and poor exists, so there will slavery exist. Tragically, human souls are still being sold today.

#### Author's Note:

Readers interested in slavery in general will find the World Book Encyclopedia has many overviews. Peter Kolchin's "American Slavery" 1619-1877 published in 1993 has numerous interesting insights i.e. both Presidents George Washington (216 Negro slaves) and Thomas Jefferson, (187 Negro slaves) were part of the problem.

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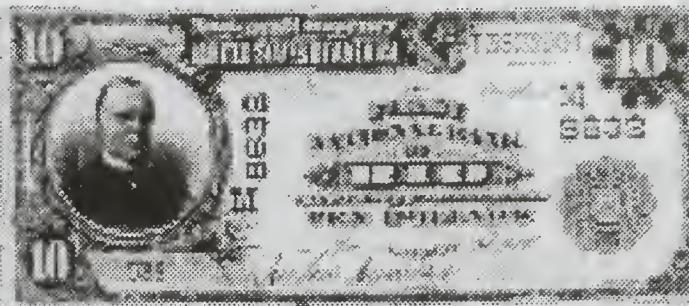


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South Shore Coin Club's 36th annual show at Four Points Hotel Sheraton Milwaukee Airport, 4747 S. Howell Avenue, (across the street from airport) Milwaukee. Hours Thursday 3-8 pm, Friday 10 - 6 pm, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. 100 dealers. \$1 donation for patrons over 12. Bourse Chair: Annette Tramte Ph. 414-541-7028. Show Chair: Walter Weis Ph. 414-384-7966.

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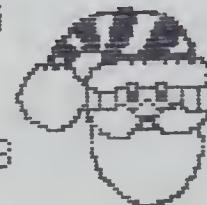
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